



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No: SEMT116060
Application No: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1741
Filed: October 28, 1999 Examiner: W.T. Leader
Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

23/B
AS
8/30/02

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2002

Seattle, Washington 98101

August 21, 2002

RECEIVED
AUG 30 2002
TC 1700

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed February 26, 2002, please amend the application as indicated below and reconsider the application in view of the remarks that follow.

Request for Extension of Time:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period, which expired on May 26, 2002, be extended by three months to expire on August 26, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please add the following section heading and paragraph after the title on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is (1) a continuation-in-part of prior copending Application No. 09/880,715, filed June 12, 2001, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/018,783, filed February 4, 1998; and (2) a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/988,333, filed September 30, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,985,126, the benefit of the filing dates of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

08/28/2002 SSE5HE1 00000041 09429446

01 FC:117

920.00 0P

LAW OFFICES OF
CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR JOHNSON KINDNESS^{PLC}
1420 Fifth Avenue
Suite 2800
Seattle, Washington 98101
206.682.8100